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Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Sally Teng on August 15, 2007.

The application has been amended as follows:

*To the specification:*

*After page 8, line 15, the following was inserted:*

#### **Brief Description of Drawings**

Figure 1 shows myeloperoxidase (MPO) activity (MPO U/g of protein) in rats after treatment with SNP.

Figure 2 shows MPO activity (MPO U/g of protein) in rats after treatment with *L. farciminis*.

Figure 3 shows macroscopic lesion scores in rats after treatment with SNP.

Figure 4 shows macroscopic lesion scores in rats after treatment with *L. farciminis*.

Figure 5 shows the curative effect of *L. farciminis* on colonic inflammation.

Figure 6 shows the effect of treatment with *L. farciminis* under basal conditions, on pain during colorectal distension.

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Figure 7 shows the effect of treatment with *L. farciminis* under inflammatory conditions, on pain during colorectal distention.

Figure 8 shows the effect of treatment with *L. farciminis* under stress conditions, on pain during colorectal distension.

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